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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Review Staff: 76-0401/1
4 May 1976

Mr. William G. Miller
Staff Director
Select Committee To Study Governmental
Operations With Respect To Intelligence
Activities
Room G-308
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Attn: Mr. Johnston

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Select Committee staff has expressed particular interest in a review of U. S. policy towards Cuba beginning after November 1963 and culminating in a meeting with the President on 7 April 1964.

In response to the Committee's request, appropriate files were searched. Understandably, internal drafts on which final Agency positions were based could not be located. There would be no reason to retain them. It is our understanding that the Committee staff has already had access to final Agency papers on this subject as submitted to the White House.

Furthermore, an Agency officer reviewed with a Committee staff member the pertinent parts of the files of DCI John A. McCone who was the most senior, knowledgeable Agency official involved in the policy decision.

This letter is to notify you that we believe we have responded fully to the request.

Sincerely,

Walter Elder
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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MAY 5 1976

Honorable Frank Church, Chairman
United States Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence Activities
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Church:

Transmitted herewith are the documents from the Department of Justice files on anti-Castro organizations which were requested by Mr. Jim Johnston of your Committee's staff on April 12, 1976. Please be advised that some of the materials being transmitted are classified.

Sincerely,

Steven Blackhurst

STEVEN BLACKHURST
Assistant Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination



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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

INTELLIGENCE

7 MAY 1976

Mr. William G. Miller
Staff Director
Senate Select Committee on
Intelligence
Room G308
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Bill:

(S) In further response to your letter of 8 April 1976 concerning possible Department of the Army connections with the Second National Front for Escambray and Alpha 66, I am forwarding the first of the names of Army personnel identified as involved in intelligence operations with Alpha 66 members by the attachment.

(S) I am sure that you will appreciate that interviewing individuals who have been deeply involved in this type of intelligence operation poses continuing risks from public exposure to both the former sources and case officers.

(S) If the Committee or the Staff decides to interview Hubbard, the Army has requested that they be allowed to have an observer present during the interview. Also the Department would want to review any part of testimony taken in the connection if it is to be released beyond the Committee or to the public.

(U) This information is provided with the understanding that it will retain its present security classification. Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tom
Thomas K. Latimer
Principal Deputy

Attachment

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MAY 10 1976

Honorable Frank Church, Chairman
United States Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence Activities
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Church:

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with attachments which is in partial response to a letter dated April 28, 1976, from Mr. Paul Wallach of your Committee's staff.

Sincerely,

Steven Blackhurst

STEVEN BLACKHURST
Assistant Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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May 7, 1976

UNITED STATES SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE
TO STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
WITH RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Reference is made to the April 28, 1976, letter of the SSC containing requests for material from the FBI.

Delivered herewith is material responsive to item number seven of that letter which pertains to communications between November 22, 1963, and December 31, 1964, from FBI Headquarters to field offices and Legal Attaches concerning the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. In accordance with the request, this response does not include isolated communications to single offices that relate to particular investigative leads. It contains general investigative instructions which were sent from FBI Headquarters.

No response is being made to item four of the April 28, 1976, letter which requests "All materials reflecting that FBI sources familiar with activities of the Cuban government, Cuban officials, Cuban intelligence, anti-Castro groups, or pro-Castro groups (either within or without the United States) were questioned during the FBI investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy." A search for such materials would involve the review of voluminous records, which would be impractical. As can be noted in the response to item seven, instructions were issued for contacts of all informants and sources. Results of contacts with sources familiar with Cuban and Castro matters would be scattered throughout not only assassination files, but numerous other Cuban and Castro files. Additionally, if questioning of sources produced no pertinent information, it would not necessarily have been reported to FBI Headquarters by the field offices.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

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MAY 10 1976

Honorable Frank Church, Chairman
United States Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence Activities
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Church:

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with attachments which is responsive to letters dated April 15, 1976, and April 29, 1976, from Mr. Paul Wallach of your Committee's staff. Please be advised that some of the materials being transmitted are classified
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Sincerely,

Steven Blackhurst

STEVEN BLACKHURST
Assistant Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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May 6, 1976

U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Reference is made to SSC letter dated April 15, 1976, requesting delivery of FBI materials concerning FBI investigation of certain Cuban exile groups in the United States, and SSC letter dated April 29, 1976, specifically designating materials to be delivered.

Material responsive to the April 15, 1976, request was voluminous and much of it required third agency clearance. During a conversation between SSC Staff Member Paul Wallach and Special Agent Sammy J. Miller of the FBI, an agreement was reached whereby access to the excised material would be granted and subsequent request for specific materials would be made. This was done as an accommodation to the SSC to expedite handling of the request.

By SSC letter dated April 29, 1976, delivery of certain documents from the original material compiled was requested. This memorandum effects delivery of a portion of these documents. The remainder will be delivered upon receipt of third agency clearance.

In response to the portion of the April 15, 1976, request set out in paragraph 6, the following Special Agents handled the investigations of the Cuban exile groups specified in the request:

Tampa - Moses A. Aleman (resigned)
William C. Hay (retired)

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SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

San Juan - John L. Spurgers, Jr. (present employee)
Steve D. Evans (present employee)
Wendell W. Hall, Jr. (present employee)

Dallas - Wallace R. Heitman (retired)

Miami - William Mayo Drew, Jr. (present employee)

Chicago - David E. Houser (present employee)

New Orleans - Warren C. DeBrueys (present employee)

FBI Headquarters - Vinicio Henry Nasca (present employee).

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

Review Staff: 76-0420
18 May 1976

Mr. William G. Miller
Staff Director
Select Committee To Study Governmental
Operations With Respect To Intelligence
Activities

Room G-308
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Attn: Mr. Johnston

Dear Mr. Miller:

Pursuant to requests for information from Messrs. Johnston and Greissing of the SSC staff, the following comments and/or attachments are provided:

Mr. Paul G. Wallach, in his letter of 14 May 1976, requested information pertaining to the "Interdepartmental Coordinating Committee on Cuban Affairs re: Possible Retaliatory Action by Castro Government". Since this interdepartmental committee was chaired by the Coordinator for Cuban Affairs at the Department of State, pertinent materials should be obtained from their files. As indicated to Mr. Johnston, we are working with the Department of State to expedite the availability of documents which appear to relate to Mr. Wallach's request.

Attached hereto as Tab A are two summaries, apparently prepared for briefing papers, which concern the Second National Front of the Escambray (SNE) and Alpha 66, dated 1 November 1962 and 9 November 1962, respectively. As discussed with Mr. Johnston, a review of our files does not reflect that the Agency had any operational interest in

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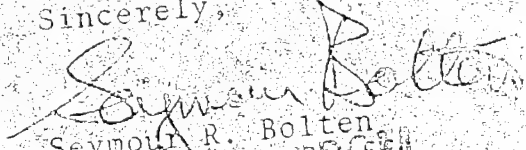


either the SFNE or Alpha 66, although certain individuals who were members of these groups were recruited by the Agency to report on the groups' activities or for other purposes unrelated to SFNE or Alpha 66. Short biographic sketches on some of these recruited assets were shown to Mr. Johnston and Mr. Greissing today and are being held at their request.

We have been unable to locate any memorandum to the White House dated 8 December 1963 relative to a policy review on Cuba. However, attached hereto as Tab B is a copy of a 9 December 1963 memorandum for the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI) entitled, "Considerations for U.S. Policy Toward Cuba and Latin America". As indicated to Mr. Johnston, this memorandum was a joint product of the then Plans (DDP) and Intelligence (DDI) Directorates for use by the DCI as a briefing paper in preparation for a meeting of the "Standing Group" scheduled on 10 December 1963. Tab B is furnished to the SSC on an "ON LOAN" basis. Please return it to us when it has satisfied your needs. A check of Agency records reflects that this memorandum was delivered to the Executive Assistant to the DCI on 9 December 1963 with a carbon copy to the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence on the same date.

Mr. Johnston levied additional requests for information during today's meeting relative to the Agency's Cuban Operations. We are researching these items and will respond as expeditiously as possible.

Sincerely,


Seymour R. Bolten
Chief, Review Staff

Attachments:
Tabs A and B

CIA

Honorable Richard S. Schweiker
United States Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence Activities
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Schweiker:

This is in reference to your letter to the Attorney General dated May 6, 1976, in which you inquired as to why certain material possibly relating to CIA assassination plots was not delivered to the Senate Select Committee pursuant to the request of Senator Church dated May 12, 1975. Upon receipt of your letter the Bureau was asked to determine why these materials were not discovered and reviewed when the initial response to Senator Church's request was prepared.

The primary reason, according to the Bureau, is that the FBI does not have a topical index to its files. This means that Bureau personnel have to use their own judgment to determine where the requested materials are likely to be located. With reference to the request relating to assassination plots, the FBI decided to review 80 volumes of files reflecting the relationship between the Bureau and CIA between 1958 and 1965. The Bureau and Select Committee staff members Andrew Postal and David Bushong also reviewed the volumes of a file relating to Cuban matters. The limits of the Bureau's retrieval capabilities and the problems involved in locating all relevant materials were explained to the SSC Staff members at that time.

Additionally, the Committee has often been in the possession of information that would assist the Bureau in locating requested materials. In the past such helpful information was normally provided to the Bureau to assist in the preparation of a complete response. However, I understand that with regard to requests for assassination materials this was not done.

With regard to delays in delivering materials recently requested by the Committee, the Bureau has advised me that it is doing its best to respond to the Committee's requests in a prompt, yet thorough, fashion. One of the problems is that the Committee's requests are numerous and in many cases general. This causes the Bureau to tie up large numbers of personnel unnecessarily and causes delay in responding to the Committee's requests. In addition, third agency clearance requirements also cause certain responses to be delayed.

In any event the Bureau is making a good faith effort to remedy any previous oversights, and would like to meet with you and your staff to explain in more detail why the recently discovered materials were not made available to the Committee earlier.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL E. SHAHEEN, JR.
Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination

12-1-76

NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20506

TOP SECRET ENCLOSURES

June 10, 1976

Dear Bill:

We have just received two additional documents from the Lyndon B. Johnson Library that Dan Dwyer and Michael Epstein had requested when they were in Austin.

We have reviewed the documents and are making them available to you and your staff on a classified loan basis. We must send the documents back to the LBJ Library so please return these copies to my office when you are finished with them.

Sincerely,



Jeanne W. Davis
Staff Secretary

Enclosures

Mr. William G. Miller
Staff Director
Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental
Operations With Respect to Intelligence Activities
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20530

Honorable Frank Church, Chairman
United States Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence Activities
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Church:

Transmitted herewith is a memorandum prepared by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with attachments which is in further response to a letter dated April 28, 1976, from Mr. Paul Wallach of your Committee's staff. Please be advised that some of the materials being transmitted are classified SECRET.

Sincerely,

Steven Blackhurst

STEVEN BLACKHURST
Assistant Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

62-116395

May 24, 1976

U. S. SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

Reference is made to SSC letter dated April 28, 1976, containing a request for access and delivery of certain FBI material relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and plots to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro. This memorandum is a partial response to your request.

This memorandum effects delivery of material which completes our response to Items 1 and 5b. Per conversation between Mr. Paul G. Wallach of the SSC Staff and Mr. Sammy J. Miller of FBI Headquarters on May 20, 1976, Item 1 material was changed from access to delivery.

This memorandum effects delivery of material partially responsive to Item 3. Under this Item, only material relating to 3d remains to be cleared by a third agency. With respect to 3b concerning Morris Bishop, FBI Headquarters files contain no reference to that name during the period 1962 to 1967 which, according to a conversation between Mr. Paul G. Wallach of the SSC Staff and Mr. Robert D. Hampton of FBI Headquarters, is the period in which your request is directed. There are references to this name before 1962 which do not pertain to the subject of this request.

This memorandum effects delivery of material which completes our response to Item 8c. It should be noted that CIA declined to clear several FBI documents containing CIA information for delivery to the SSC. CIA advised that

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SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES (SSC)

these documents "do not relate to the general area in which the SSC is interested." Per the above May 20, 1976, conversation between Mr. Wallach and Mr. Miller, the SSC is not further interested in this unrelated material.

It is noted, pursuant to the conversation between Mr. Wallach and Mr. Miller on May 3, 1976, that portion of Item 1 from the word "including" to the end of the sentence was withdrawn.

6/11/76

Mr. James Johnston
Select Committee on Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Jim:

This is to confirm that except for any objections made by representatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Department of Justice has no objections to the Select Committee's publishing its report, "Performance of the Intelligence Agencies with Respect to the Assassination of President Kennedy".

Sincerely,

STEVEN BLACKHURST
Assistant Special Counsel for
Intelligence Coordination

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United States Senate

(PURSUANT TO H. RES. 400, 87TH CONGRESS)

June 21, 1976

Dear Frank:

Our Committee's report on the performance of federal intelligence agencies in investigating the assassination of former President Kennedy is now ready for publication. This report will be released to the public on Wednesday, June 23, 1976. It will be embargoed until 6 p.m. of that day.

In this connection, we have scheduled a press briefing, to be held on Wednesday, the 23rd, in Room 1318 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, at 1 p.m. We each intend to offer a brief introductory statement regarding our report at that time, and will then respond to questions from the press. We would like to cordially invite each member of the Select Committee to participate with us at this briefing. We hope you will be able to join us.

Kind regards

Sincerely,

Richard S. Schweiker
United States Senator

Same letter to:

Senators Howard H. Baker, Jr.
Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.
Robert Morgan
Walter D. Huddleston
Walter F. Mondale
Philip A. Hart
John Tower
Barry Goldwater